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DRASNIN/PBS FILM PROJECT

We have completed our arrangements here. To reconfirm the names of the crew members, they are:

Irv Drasnin
Andrew Andreasen
Richard Lerner
Mark McLaughlin
David Pickner

Andrew Andreasen and I will arrive in Beijing on Friday, September 20, aboard Dragonair #328 (from Hong Kong), due to arrive at 11:20 a.m.

The camera crew (Lerner, McLaughlin, Pickner) will arrive in Beijing on Wednesday, September 25, aboard United Airlines #829 (from Tokyo), due to arrive at 7:20 p.m.

The scheduled departure date for the camera crew is Thursday, October 24 from Beijing, on United flight #852, due to depart at 7:35 a.m.

Mr. Andreasen and I also are scheduled to leave on Thursday, October 24 from Beijing on CAAC #101, due to depart at 7:40 a.m. (the availability of this flight has not yet been confirmed but it has been requested).

I would appreciate it if the visas could be made valid at least through October 31, in case our stay needs to be extended for a few days.

We have reserved rooms for myself and Mr. Andreasen beginning September 20 at the Heping (Peace) Hotel (new building). Once the camera crew arrives and filming begins, I would prefer the financial package arrangement ($160 per person per diem including accommodations, Chinese meals, transportation within cities, guide, interpreter, communication and liaison work). But we seek reassurance regarding the hotel accommodations. We wish to stay at the Peace Hotel in Beijing and at comparable hotels outside of Beijing (with the understanding that this would probably not be possible in Yanan).

I also seek your guidance regarding the camera and sound equipment list needed for Chinese customs. Also, the procedure for obtaining visas (which I hope can be done at the Consulate in New York City).

Also, please advise me on how our payments to you should be made and a payment schedule.

I also offer as the basis for discussion, a possible itinerary with dates, should this be helpful to you in organizing the travel arrangements.

Beijing	->	October 3 (departing 10/4) (8 days)
Xian	->	October 8 (4-5 days)
Yanan	->	October 10 (2-3 days)
Chengdu	->	October 15 (4-5 days)
Guangzhou	->	October 20 (4-5 days)
Beijing	->	October 24 (4 days)

In a few days, I will send you some additional thoughts regarding the filming but I wanted to provide the information you've requested without delay. My warm regards to you and Mr. Ma. I look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully yours,

Irv Drasnin

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